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Dear FCC,

The FCC should ensure a fair and open Internet for all by opposing efforts to undermine net neutrality.

The FCC should reject Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to hand the telecom giants like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon the legal cover to throttle whatever they please, stripping Internet users of the meaningful privacy and access rules we worked for and so recently won.

I'm afraid of a "pay-to-play" Internet, where ISPs can charge more for certain websites because ISPs could have too much power to determine what I can do online.

Thankfully, the existing FCC regulations ensure that Internet providers can't block or slow Internet users' ability to see certain websites or create Internet "fast lanes" by charging websites and online services money to reach customers faster. That's exactly the right balance to ensure the Internet remains a level playing field that benefits consumers and small businesses as well as larger players.

Pai's proposed repeal of the rules would help turn ISPs into gatekeepers with an effective veto right on expression and innovation. That's contrary to the basic precepts on which the Internet was built.

I'm a small business owner running a communications and content development business. Pai's proposed repeal of the rules will hurt my business.

Thank you for protecting Internet users like me by upholding the existing Title II net neutrality rules.

Sincerely,

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